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## \$2,500,000 LIBRARY NOW IN USE

Although not entirely completed, "Moving Week" into Southern's new \$2,500,000 ultra-modern library took place at the beginning of the winter quarter. When the students returned from the Christmas holidays they found a beautiful new place in which to study.

The four subject libraries—education, humanities, science and social science—are found in the basement. The library is being run on the principle of a large supermarket. All the books in the basement reading rooms are on open shelves for self-service to users. Older and seldom-used materials in all fields have been temporarily stored in unfinished areas of the building until the first floor has been finished. Books to be taken from the building are brought for charging to the central circulation desk at the entrance on the first floor. Since library patrons are given complete freedom in the use of books within the building, it is necessary to have strict controls at the exit. Arrows inlaid in the floor tile indicate the correct line of traffic to the door marked "out." After library

hours books may be deposited in the book drop in the vestibule.

Only part of the reading areas in the basement are completed. When finished the second floor will have as much library room as the basement and first floor combined. The lower two floors house a number of special services and offices. Another year and a half should see a completed job.

A beautiful color scheme, shadowless lighting, air conditioning, spacious offices and technical services facilities combine to meet the library needs of a growing SIU. Present plans call for additional floors as needed.

A complete picture story on the new library will be featured in the April issue of the Southern Alumnus magazine.

### TAKE A TOUR

#### Europe

A 48-day trip, planned for next summer in cooperation with Academic Travel Abroad, a non-profit New York travel agency, will cover ten European coun-

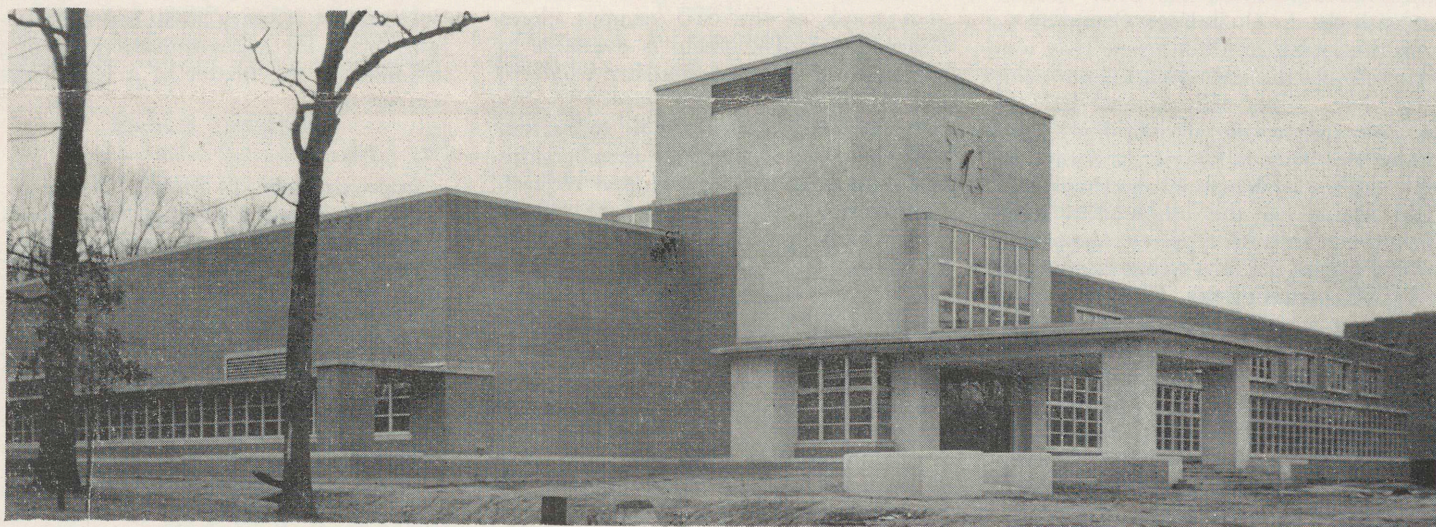
tries. Beginning with embarkation June 12, the tour will be the 1956 summer field course in geography.

The provisional itinerary includes visits to England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Western Germany, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and France. General expenses complete amount to \$1095. Details on tour arrangements and requirements may be obtained by writing Dr. Floyd F. Cunningham, chairman of the geography department at SIU. Dr. Cunningham, who has traveled around the world, says there will be no pretense of a luxury trip but "there will be provision for good accommodations, maintaining high standards of cleanliness and comfort."

#### Mexico

The Department of Foreign Languages at Southern is offering its third biennial study tour of Mexico this summer. Students taking the course will register for Spanish 360 by June 18. The course will carry eight hours credit in Spanish and will be open to Spanish majors and minors or others who have advanced standing in Spanish.

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*Southern's new \$2,500,000 library*



## An Open Letter To Alumni

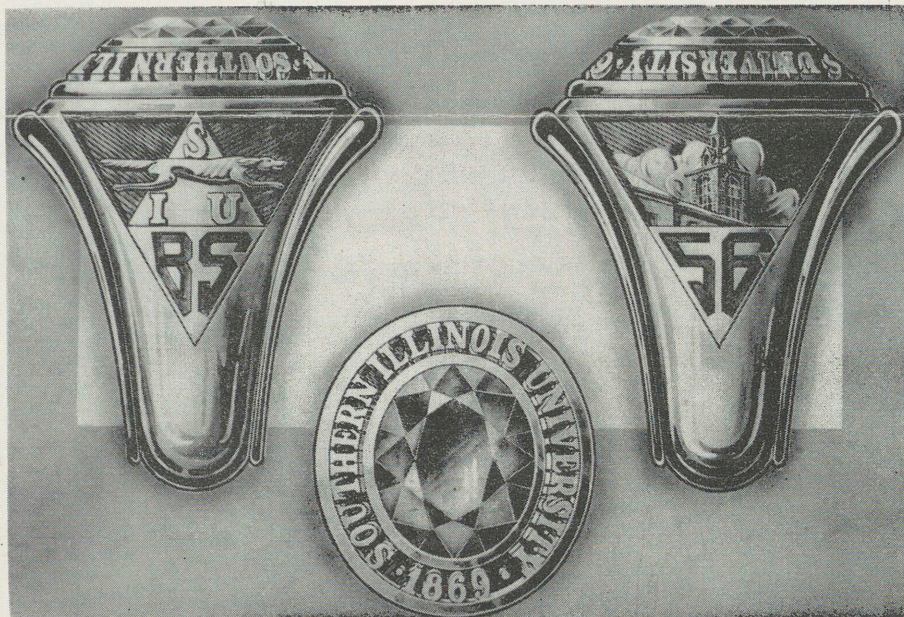
We thank each of you for the beautiful silver chafing dish and tray which was presented to us on our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, December 18, 1955, by representatives of the Alumni Association. The thoughtfulness of the

gift filled our hearts with gratitude toward the many wonderful alumni who joined in the remembrance.

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous 1956!

*Delyle and Dorothy Morris*

### NEW S. I. U. RINGS AVAILABLE



From time to time requests have been received from alumni about securing an SIU ring and in response to these requests an agreement has been worked out with the L. G. Balfour Company.

In the spring of 1954 a new ring was designed by the art department, dean of students, class officers and Balfour and adopted by the student body.

The new ring is heavier and the Saluki emblem is shown on one shank and "Old Main" on the other. The stone is synthetic ruby to represent the school color. Price of the men's ring as pictured is \$31.05, including tax. The ladies' ring as shown is \$26.50, including tax. Should you prefer not to have the class numerals or degree, the amount of \$1.80 may be subtracted from the prices quoted above or 45c per letter.

Orders should be directed to the University Book Store, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and checks, which should accompany each order, made out to the Book Store.

### Last Call

The offer for a bonus 8x10 aerial photograph of the SIU campus closes February 15. The photo is available to all former students of Southern who join the Alumni Association on or before that date. It is also available to current members who renew their memberships now and to life members upon request.

Individual memberships are \$2.00, family memberships, \$3.00, and life memberships, \$50.00.

Plans are being made to increase the Southern Alumnus magazine, which Association members receive quarterly, to six issues a year to keep you more current on the activities of your school and friends.

In an effort to bring you more class news, reporters are being assigned in areas where there is a concentration of SIU alumni. These reporters will be announced soon.

## Take A Tour

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The first two weeks will be spent on the campus and will consist of lectures on the history and customs, the art and culture of the country, as well as drill on useful phrases. The group will travel by cars to Mexico City, which will serve as headquarters for three weeks.

The basic fee is \$190 and will include transportation, lodging and guide service. Meals are NOT included. The fee is due before May 15 and is payable in advance. The tour will leave Carbondale about June 28 and return by August 5. There will be room for a limited number of people who cannot take the course for credit but would like to go on the tour proper.

Anyone interested in taking this tour, with or without credit, should write Dr. J. Cary Davis, Department of Foreign Languages, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

## Alumni Club News

### Richland County

On January 5, Jay King, SIU field representative, met with the Richland County executive committee in Olney. Plans are being formulated for a meeting of alumni, with parents of SIU students as special guests, on Monday, February 13. Bert Michels, ex '32, is president of the club.

### New Club Formed

A new alumni club is being organized in Pope County, with D. Millard Farmer, ex '47, of Golconda serving as temporary chairman. At a meeting held in Golconda on January 26 all necessary arrangements for an organization meeting to follow in the matter of a few weeks was set up.

### St. Louis

Approximately 30 alumni in the St. Louis area took advantage of a block of seats reserved for them at the SIU-Washington U. game on January 11, when the Salukis lost by ten points to a stronger Washington team.

The St. Louis directory is well underway, with about 66% response from the mailing campaign. There will be a follow-up campaign in order to secure information on the remaining 34%.

Committees are being appointed and plans are being made for the next club meeting, according to Paul Mosley, ex '39, president.



## LYERLA RESOLUTION

At the January 11 meeting of the Board of Trustees the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Orville Wellington Lyerla was a member of the first independent Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, and

WHEREAS, he had for many years advocated an enlarged program of services for the University, and

WHEREAS, both as a citizen and a Board member he gave generously of his time and energy to the developing program of the University, and

WHEREAS, because of his leadership in the business and professional life of Southern Illinois he was able to suggest valuable inter-connections between our instructional and research program and the needs of the area, and

WHEREAS, we have all suffered the loss of a valued friend and a fine gentleman,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled that the Board express its understanding and appreciation of Mr. Lyerla's great services to the University, its deep regret for his passing, and its sympathy to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to Mr. Lyerla's family.

Done in Carbondale, Illinois, this 11th day of January, 1956.

## SOUTHERN ALUMNUS

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## Winter Sports off to a Good Start

SIU's winter sports are off to a good start this year with the basketball team holding a perfect conference record and a wrestling squad which may turn out to be the best in many years.

### Basketball

Southern's basketball squad, which had a bad beginning, losing three of its first four games, rallied to win seven of its next nine games for an overall 8-5 mark at the half-way point of the season.

Lynn Holder's squad won its opening three conference games, defeating stubborn Central Michigan 70-66, turning back Michigan Normal 78-73 and tripping Northern Illinois 86-66.

This set the stage for a crucial meeting between Southern and the league favorite, Western, in a game played at Macomb January 27. Last year the Salukis, while having a losing season, whipped Western at Carbondale for Western's only conference loss. The cage squad hopes for another upset when Western invades Carbondale for the season finale Saturday, February 25.

The cage squad won the consolation championship at the Sunshine Tournament at Portales, N. M., during the Christmas holidays, defeating Western Colorado 77-64 and whipping Arkansas State 80-70, after losing an opening round game, 65-55, to Southwest Oklahoma.

In a non-league bout in January, Southern played a great defensive game in losing to Washington of St. Louis 59-48. Washington is currently rated among the top ten in defense among the nation's major schools.

### Wrestling

Meanwhile in wrestling, Coach Jim Wilkinson's matmen won easy matches over Illinois Normal, defending IAC champion, and McKendree College. Several of the bouts never got out of the first round as SIU wrestlers won by falls.

### Swimming

Southern's swimming squad, under a new coach, Bill Heusner, got off to an excellent start January 14, dropping a close 45-39 meet to strong Washington U. SIU, a heavy underdog, led 39-38 going into the final event. Six new pool records were set at the meet as Southern's swimmers all turned in the best times of their careers.

### Gymnastics

On the gymnastic front, Coach Tom de Carlo's crew began its exhibition sea-

son with shows at Mt. Vernon, Robinson and Jackson, Mo. The team also has scheduled two more college meets, a home contest against Ball State February 11 and the IAC loop meet at Carbondale April 7.

## Joint Council Meets

The annual meeting of the Joint Alumni Council met December 27 at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. Members of the Council include Eastern, Normal, Northern, Western, University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University.

The main objective of the meeting was to determine what projects the Council might undertake to assist in furthering higher education in the State of Illinois. Reports were given by those in charge of alumni relations at the six schools represented. As a result of these reports, it was decided that the most important project at this time is that of acquainting the people of the State of Illinois with the present and future problems facing higher education. A committee was appointed to study ways of disseminating information to the public concerning higher education in Illinois.

At the spring meeting, to be held April 7 at Allerton House at Monticello, there will be further discussion of plans for a positive program for the Council to follow in better assisting future support of higher education.

## Odd Years to Elect

Ballots for nominations to your Alumni Legislative Council will be in the mail within the month.

As provided in the constitution, the Council is composed of one representative of the Alumni Association from each class of graduates. Each group also elects a first alternate and a vice alternate by ballot after nominations have been made by members of the class. All classes ending in an odd number will elect this time.

An alumnus who attended school but did not graduate will be considered a member of the class with which he would have graduated had he remained in school. Voting for Legislative Council members is done by Alumni Association members only and members only may be elected.

The Council is charged with governing general regulations of the Association, with planning the annual meeting of the Association and meets annually on Alumni Day.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- A large high school in Cook County has a social studies position open. A master's degree and experience preferred. Salary \$4000 up.
- Another city in Cook County has elementary positions open in vocal music, art, grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 (with math). Salary \$3600-3800 starting. These positions are for the 1956-57 school year.
- A finance company in Indiana is looking for branch assistants, ages 23-30.
- A large retail department store in northern Illinois has opportunities for accountants and home economics majors.
- Administrative trainees are needed by a large insurance company in Peoria. Candidates should be veterans, between ages of 21-28. Starting salary around \$316 per month.
- Several positions in social studies and English open in two northern Illinois cities. These positions are in the Junior high school. Salaries good.
- A Madison County town has elementary positions open for fall of 1956. Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 in speech correction. Salary \$3700 up.
- There are several positions open for elementary principals in Kankakee County. A master's degree and experience required. For 1956-57.
- Elementary and high school positions open in a city in New Mexico. Elementary positions in grades 1-5. High school positions in fields of mathematics, science, library science, vocal and band music, women's physical education and English. Salary \$3200-\$3800.
- Large city in California will have representative on campus February 13 to interview anyone interested in teaching in California. Opportunities in elementary and high school. Salary \$3800 for bachelor's degree, \$4100 for master's.
- LaSalle County has high school positions in vocational home economics, speech and vocal music for next year. Salary \$3400 up.
- A large Cook County high school is now recruiting for high school teachers in the fields of English, English and social studies, world geography and English, physical science, biology, algebra, mathematics, arts and crafts and typing and general business. Salary \$4000-\$6500. Master's degree and experience required.
- Elementary and secondary positions open to teachers in Honolulu. Salary \$3000-\$4620 for bachelor's degree and \$3300-\$4860 for master's.
- For further information, write Placement Service, SIU, Carbondale.

## SOUTHERN SKETCHES

A new two-year program for rehabilitation counselors has been approved by the SIU Graduate Council and Southern is now prepared to grant an M.A. or M.S. degree with a major in rehabilitation counseling. SIU is one of 29 universities receiving grants from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation... A \$5,900 grant from the Biological Section of the National Science Foundation has been given to *DR. ISRAEL GOLDIAMOND*, assistant professor of psychology. The grant is for a one-year study of problems in visual perception... *DR. WILLIAM J. TUDOR*, acting director of Area Services, appeared last month before the Senate Subcommittee on Public Welfare and Labor in Washington where he testified as a representative of Southern Illinois in connection with the proposed legislation for depressed areas...

Enrollment at SIU for on-campus students has jumped 16.7% over the winter term a year ago. The resident total is 5,148, compared to 4,410 for the 1955 winter term... At the Student Union Council convention held recently in Terre Haute, Ind., with representatives from Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois attending, it was learned that the SIU Union had more activities last year than any other despite the fact that it has one of the smallest buildings... The first meeting of the Dames Club was held January 11 at the home of Mrs. D. W. Morris. A national organization of students' wives, as a group they may participate in arts and crafts, recreation, child study, glee club, book circle, bridge, cooking and decorating and sewing...

*FLOYD WAKELAND*, associate professor of music and director of choral groups, is on a two-month leave of absence. Suffering from high blood pressure, Prof. Wakeland is resting in New Orleans and Florida and will return to the campus the first week in March... *LEE R. KOLMER*, assistant professor of agricultural marketing, has resigned to accept a position as assistant professor of economics at Iowa State College... In December establishment of an "Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award for Courage in Journalism" was announced by Southern's Department of Journalism. *HOWARD R. LONG*, department chairman, said the award will go to one of the nation's weekly newspaper editors selected for courageous editorial service during 1955 in the face of economic, political or social pressures brought by members of his own community. Winner of the award will be announced during the week of July 19 at the Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors to be held on the SIU campus...

*HERBERT L. PORTZ*, assistant professor of agriculture, is co-author of an article entitled "Difference Between Seed Lots of Ladino Clover in Cyanophoric Properties" recently published in *Agronomy Journal*... *JOHN ERLE GRINNELL*, dean of the College of Education, has been named chairman of the Illinois Advisory Committee on Student Recruitment, established by the Illinois Joint Council on Higher Education... *ROBERT G. LAYER*, associate professor of economics, is author of a monograph entitled "Earnings of Cotton Mill Operatives, 1825-1914," published by the Committee on Research in Economic History, Inc., and distributed by the Harvard University Press... *MARGARET KAEISER*, associate professor of botany, is co-author of a paper entitled "Tension Wood in Eastern Cottonwood"... *FRANK BRIDGES*, assistant professor of health education, has accepted an invitation to serve on the editorial advisory board of a new quarterly newsletter concerning driver education to be published by the Ford Motor Co. Mr. Bridges is author of an article entitled "Interscholastic Athletics in the Junior High" which appeared in the November-December issue of *Illinois School Board Journal*...

*MAURITS KESNAR* has written a sacred song which has been published by John Market & Co., New York. The text for the song, "God Be in My Heart," was taken from the *Sarum Primer*, a 16th century school textbook... *J. CHARLES KELLEY*, professor of anthropology and director of the Museum, has begun a four-month sabbatical leave to be spent at the Laboratory of Anthropology in Sante Fe, N. M. Prof. Kelley plans to use facilities at the New Mexico institution in preparing summaries of the Museum's anthropological and archaeological work during the past five years. *D. WAYNE ROWLAND*, assistant professor of journalism, is author of "Grass Roots Journalism Eyes its Editorial Job" which appeared in the December issue of *The Quill*...

A second \$300 Prairie Farmer magazine scholarship in agricultural journalism at SIU was announced last month. To be distributed over a two-year period, the scholarship will go to a sophomore meeting qualifications of need, scholastic ability and aims in the field of agricultural journalism... *VIRGINIA HASKINS*, Centralia-born star of radio, TV, and opera, will be featured soloist for the seventh annual "Under the Stars" music festival at SIU May 12.